

CINCINNATI PARKS

**2006  
SUMMER  
DAYCAMPS**



# Camp Information and Policies



Let Cincinnati Parks help your child access the natural and cultural resources of Cincinnati in a fun and educational way through our summer nature camp programs. Get active and get closer to nature this summer! Join other children in one of your neighborhood parks for some camp fun.

We'll hike through forests and fields, explore creeks, make crafts and play games to learn more about the plants and animals that live right here in Cincinnati. All camps are run by Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors. These camps vary in topic and age range but all children will participate in active fun centered around local nature themes.

**Please note that fees are non-refundable and cannot be reduced for partial attendance.** If a registered child cannot attend, you can transfer your spot to another child. We will need a completed registration form for the new child.

**Your cancelled check will be your receipt and confirmation. If you wish to have a confirmation sent via e-mail, please indicate your e-mail address on the registration form at the center of this booklet. Registration is limited and programs are filled on a first-come basis. In the event that our program is filled, we will inform you by phone and return your check.**

## **Who May Attend:**

Camps vary by age, but fall into the range of preschool to early high school age. Teens who are at least 13 years of age can volunteer to be *NatureCamp Aides* (see page 14). Call 761-4313 for more information.

## **Placement:**

Campers will be divided into groups of similarly-aged children for the week's activities. Camp provides an excellent opportunity to make new friends in a fun-filled environment. If your child would like to be placed with one special friend, please name that child on the registration form. We can place children with the requested friend *only if both children request to be placed together and the children are close in age.*



## **Transportation and Hours:**

Parents or other family-approved adults are responsible for transporting campers to and from camp. This adult should remain with the child until they are settled with their counselor on the first morning. Campers should be dropped off and picked up at designated areas determined on the first day of camp. Please do not leave your child in the park unattended before or after camp hours.

## **Preparing for Camp:**

**Clothing:** Campers should dress to be outdoors, whatever the weather. Old clothes and sturdy tennis shoes or boots are essential. No open-toed shoes or sandals are allowed. Bring rain ponchos or jackets if the weather looks threatening. Other items that campers may need to "wear" are sun screen and bug repellent.

**Lunch:** Children need to bring a bag lunch with drink and a water bottle to camp every day. We recommend that campers pack their lunches in insulated bags with a cooling pack.

**Weather:** Summer weather can be unpredictable. Camp Directors will explain the policies and procedures for severe weather for that camp. Please plan to be present for the opening talk, and be aware of changing weather conditions so you may act accordingly.



- ✦ **Easy-to-use Registration Form**
- ✦ **We now accept Visa and Master Card**
- ✦ **E-mail Confirmations**
- ✦ **Expanded Archaeology Camp Sessions**

**C**incinnati Parks operates 5 nature centers and the Krohn Conservatory; for more information about a specific center, call the naturalists at the numbers below. Come visit for a program or just drop by.

**For more information call 321-6070  
or visit us at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks)**

Avon Woods Nature Ctr.	4235 Paddock Road	861-3435
Bettman Natural Resources Ctr.	4 Beech Lane	321-6070
Caldwell Nature Ctr.	430 W. N. Bend Road	761-4313
California Woods Nature Ctr.	5400 Kellogg Avenue	231-8678
Krohn Conservatory	1501 Eden Park Dr.	421-5707
LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Ctr.	5400 Lanius Lane	542-2909

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request,  
call 352-3380 TTY

**Detach and retain for your records**

## Camp Reminder

**My Child is registered for\_\_\_\_\_ camp**

being held from (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Time\_\_\_\_\_

**Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Child should come with a lunch (if necessary), and come prepared for the weather.**

**TEENS:**

## You can Volunteer to be a *NATURECAMP AIDE*

*If You:*

- \* Are at least 13 years old
- \* Enjoy working with younger children
- \* Have an interest in nature
- \* Can help out for at least one full week



*You Could:*

- \* Help our camp leaders lead hikes
- \* Assist younger children with crafts and games
- \* Enjoy working outside and/or at a nature center
- \* Learn more about local nature and ecology

*Interested?*

All the *NatureCamps* on pages 4 , and preschool *Discovery Mornings* on page 5, no matter what park they're in, are run by Caldwell Nature Center. Please call them at 761-4313 to volunteer and for more information.

We also run a drop-in nature program for children, called **Nature Next-Door**, in some of our inner-city parks. If you're an older (at least 16) high-school student looking to make a difference in kids' lives through volunteer work, call Erin Morris at 321-6070 ext. 16 for more information.

## Teen Service Camps at LaBoiteaux Woods

***a free camp for High School Students***

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Two sessions: July 31 – Aug. 4 or Aug. 7 – 11*

Teens can learn about local flora and fauna while earning school service hours in the woods. Our main project will be improving habitat by removing non-native plants. Schools may award community service hours for participation. Registration required. Call 542-2909 for more information.

# NatureCamps out in the Parks

## Camps at LaBoiteaux Woods

Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors will conduct a one-week daycamp session in a park near you this summer. Children who have completed kindergarten through 12 years old can participate in active fun centered around local nature themes. Camps are held entirely outdoors, and children are divided into groups by age. Other extras include:

- Free NatureCamp t-shirt
- Friday cookout- children should bring hot dogs, buns and s'more fixins

**Fee: \$50.00** / week for Cincinnati city residents  
**\$60.00** / week for non-residents

Each session runs from **Monday - Friday, 9:30AM to 2:30 PM.**

*Note: Children are limited to no more than two NatureCamp sessions throughout the summer. They may attend center-based camps in addition to NatureCamps.*

**L To register:** fill out the blue registration sheet in the middle of this booklet.

Check the schedule below to see when NatureCamps will be in your neighborhood.

<b>Mt. Airy Forest</b> (Mt. Airy) From Colerain Ave.; go left, past the oval, to Stone Steps	June 12 - 16
<b>French Park</b> (Amberley Village) (2 sessions) Enter from Section Rd.; meet at the circle-end of drive	June 19 - 23 and July 10 - 14
<b>Ault Park</b> (Hyde Park) (2 sessions) Enter on Observatory Ave.; meet at pavilion picnic area	June 26 - 30 and July 24 - 28
<b>Caldwell Nature Center</b> (Carthage) Enter from N. Bend Rd.; meet in front of building	*July 3, 5, 6, 7
<b>Rapid Run Park</b> (Price Hill) Enter on Rapid Run Rd.; meet at the shelter	*July 3, 5, 6, 7
<b>McFarlan Woods</b> (Mt. Airy Forest/Westwood) Enter from Westwood-N. Blvd. west of Montana	July 17 - 21
<b>Stanbery Park</b> (Mt. Washington) From Oxford Ave.; Meet at the Caretakers house.	July 31 - Aug. 4

### Young Naturalists (for 4 – 6 years old)

10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. – July 10 – 13 (Mon. – Thurs.)

Four days of active outdoor learning about nature will engage your child's energy and curiosity. Campers enjoy daily hikes, crafts, games, and adventures, incorporating lots of fun and a bit of fantasy.

**Fee:** \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$50.00 non-residents.

### Natural Treasure Hunt (for 6 – 11 years old, and completed kindergarten)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. – July 24 – 28 (Mon. – Fri.)

Search for nature's treasures using scavenger hunts, puzzles, mysteries, and map games. Hikes, games and crafts round out the fun. Campers are grouped by age.

**Fee:** \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents.

### Nature Explorers Camp (for 7 – 9 years old)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. – June 12 – 16 (Mon. – Fri.)

Enjoy days filled with hiking, exploring, and age-appropriate games and crafts.

**Fee:** \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

### Nature Art Camp (for 11 – 14 years old, and completed 5th grade)

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. – June 26 – 30 (Mon. – Fri.)

### Young Artists Camp (for 7-10 years old, and completed 1st grade)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. – July 17 - 21 (Mon. – Fri.)

Explore Latin American art styles with Mary Jo while learning about and portraying local nature. Campers will have two art sessions daily, mixed with hikes and nature activities. This is a themed camp for those who wish to express their love of nature through art. Art materials are included and fees are kept low thanks to the generosity of a donor.

**Fee:** \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

### Outdoor Skills Camp (for 10 – 13 years old)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. – June 19 – 23 (M-T-W, Overnight Th-F.)

Older campers will practice fire building, knots, orienteering, archery, safety, and camping skills as they broaden their ability to enjoy nature. On Wednesday, meet at Burnet Woods for canoeing and fishing. Overnight begins Thursday at 7 p.m. to Friday 9 a.m. **Fee:** \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

### Teen Service Camp (for High School Students) **FREE**

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. – July 31 - Aug. 4 or Aug. 7 - 11

See page 14, or call 542-2909 for more information. Registration is required.

# Camps at California Woods

California Woods preserves numerous wildlife species and a variety of habitats on the east side of town. In California Woods (located off Kellogg Ave., in California, OH) visitors experience majestic old-growth forest, creeks, and a prairie meadow.

**Preschool Nature Camp** (for preschool children 4 - 5 years old with no kindergarten)

10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. **\*Session 1** – July 3 - 7 (Mon. - Fri, except Tues.)

**\*Session 2** – July 31 - Aug. 4 (Mon. - Thurs)

Touching, seeing, listening and doing are all things we will be using to teach young children about nature. We will have one main theme and each day will focus on an aspect of that theme. **Please choose only 1 of the 2 identical sessions.**

**Fee:** \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$50.00 non-residents

**Nature Detectives Camp** (for children 5 who have been to kindergarten - 7 years old)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. **One session only:** June 12 - 16 (Mon. - Fri.)

This camp program introduces children to the amazing natural world we live in. Nature themes this year will focus on the different habitats in the preserve.

**Fee:** \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

**Nature Art & Theater Camp** (for children 6 - 9 years old)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. **\*Session 1** - June 26 - 30 (Mon. - Fri.)

**\*Session 2** - July 17 - 21 (repeat of above)

Children will work together to design their own costume and perform a nature-themed drama. Program is built upon previous day's activities. A day cannot be missed! **Please choose only 1 of the 2 sessions - activities are identical.**

**Fee:** \$55.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$65.00 non-residents

**Outdoor Survival Camp** (for children 8 - 10 years old)

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. **\*Session 1** – June 19 - 23 (Mon. - Fri.)

**\*Session 2** – July 24 - 28 (repeat of above)

Children will learn some basic tools for outdoor survival such as archery, fire building, basic orienteering, and canoeing.

**Please choose only 1 of the 2 sessions - activities are identical.**

**Fee:** \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents



# Preschool Discovery Mornings

McFarlan  
Woods

Ault

Stanbery

French

Preschool children ages 3 1/2 to 5. Children must have turned 3 by January 2006 and must be toilet trained. A fun, hands-on way to explore nature's treasures right at their neighborhood park. Each of the four days will feature a different topic, new this year. Activities will include hikes, games, crafts, songs, puppets and more. Please dress your child in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes.

## Days and Times:

Programs are held Tues. Wed., Thurs. and Fri. morning.

Each session will last from **9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**



**Fee:** \$25.00 / week for Cincinnati city residents

**\$30.00 / week for non-residents**



**To register:** Use blue registration form in the middle of this booklet.

**THE PROGRAMS REPEAT EACH WEEK;**

**PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD FOR ONE SESSION ONLY.**

	Mt. Airy Forest	June 13 - 16	(At Stone Steps Shelter)
	French 1	June 20 - 23	(At Shelter in cul-de-sac)
	Ault Park 1	June 27 - 30	(At Principio Ave. picnic area)
	Avon Woods	*July 3, 5, 6, 7	(At Nature Center Building)
	French Park II	July 11 - 14	(At Shelter in cul-de-sac)
	McFarlan Woods	July 18 - 21	(At Shelter)
	Ault Park II	July 25 - 28	(At Principio Ave. picnic area)
	Stanbery Park	Aug. 1 - 4	(At Shelter Building)

\* Due to the 4th of July holiday, camp is Mon.; Wed. - Fri.



# Archaeology Camps

Your Cincinnati Parks preserve more than nature and wildlife. They help preserve history, too! Budding archaeologists will learn the basic techniques of field archaeology, unearth discoveries, and dig into local history during these hands-on camps. There will be one camp at Mt. Airy Forest (Maple Ridge Lodge) and two camps at California Woods.

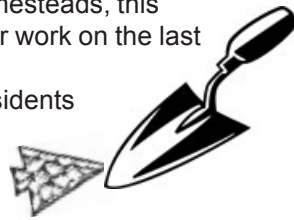
## At Mt. Airy Forest – Maple Ridge Lodge (on Westwood-Northern Blvd.)

### **Intro to Archaeology Adventure Camp** (for children 10 - 13 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 17 - 20 (Mon. - Thurs.)

In this exciting introduction to the world of Archaeology, children will learn the skills they will need to uncover the secrets that lie hidden within McFarlan Woods. From Native American artifacts to historic homesteads, this park, and camp, has it all. Children will showcase their work on the last day of camp from 1:30 to 2:30.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents



## At California Woods (on Kellogg Ave.)

### **Intro to Archaeology Adventure Camp** (for children 10-13 years old)

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – July 3 - 7 (Mon. - Fri., no camp July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Dig into history and unlock the secrets lying right under your feet. Campers will learn the techniques of field archaeology and put it to use as we excavate sites in history-filled California Woods. Children will showcase their work on the last day of camp from 1:30 to 2:30. Spaces will fill quickly, so register early.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

### **Advanced Archaeology Adventure Camp** (for children 10 - 14 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 10 - 14 (Mon. - Fri.)

Campers will have an opportunity to apply their knowledge from the Intro Camp as we excavate a historic home site within California Woods. Children will showcase their work on the last day of camp from 1:30 to 2:30. Open to campers who have completed the Intro level Archaeology camp, or a similar camp offered by a museum or university.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$70.00 non-residents



# Camps at Avon Woods

Avon Woods is one of the last remnants of the great north woods.

An island of green surrounded by the communities of North Avondale, Paddock Hills and Bond Hill, the nature preserve protects over 100 wildflower and prairie species, 35 species of trees, many of the common mammals of the local area and over 100 resident and migratory birds.

### **Young Naturalist Camp** (for children 4 - 5 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – June 12 - 15 (Mon. - Thurs.)

Young children explore nature through stories, songs, crafts, plays, hikes and hands-on activities during this 4-day camp. This is an excellent introduction for your youngster to the world of nature.

Fee: \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$50.00 non-residents

NOTE: Avon Woods will also be the site of a preschool Discovery Morning week.

See page 5 for more information.

### **Nature Explorers Camp** (for children 6 - 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – June 19 - 23 (Mon. - Fri.)

Through the use of experiments, hikes, games, crafts and other hands-on activities, campers will become junior field naturalists as they discover the natural wonders of the world around them.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

### **Outdoor Skills Camp** (for children 10 - 13 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Mon., Tues., Wed. - June 26 - 30 (Mon. - Fri.)

Tuesday will be spent hiking at McFarlan Woods

Wednesday is canoeing at Burnet Woods

Thursday is an overnight and begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. Friday Camp ends at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning

A daycamp jam-packed with activities and field trips. The activities range from archery, campfire cooking and survival skills, to canoeing and hiking.

*Please note:* On Monday and Thursday, camp is held at Avon Woods. On Tuesday and Wednesday, camp begins and ends at the listed locations. Parents will drop off and pick up their children at those parks, not Avon Woods. Maps and directions will be provided, and carpooling is encouraged.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati residents; \$60.00 non-residents

## Registration Form - side 4

The Cincinnati Parks staff cannot administer any type of medications (including insulin injections and Epi- pens). Campers are free to carry medications as long as they know how to safely self-administer. Camp leaders can secure medication for the child, and remind children at the proper times. Parents / guardians are always welcome to visit camp to administer medication as long as we know in advance when they are coming so we can schedule activities accordingly.

Please note any medical conditions, allergies, medications, or other health concerns which should be known by your child's camp leader or emergency medical personnel (attach a separate piece of paper if necessary). Please indicate **"NONE"** if no medical conditions pertain to your child. **Initial this section when completed.**

If possible, place my child in a group with: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Please list only one child. We do not guarantee placement. We can place children with a requested friend *only if both children request each other and are close in age.*)

I hereby release and save harmless the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners and its employees from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or other claims arising out of this camp and its program. I give permission for my child to be photographed and for his/her picture to be used without identification or compensation in Park publications. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to administer treatment, including hospitalization, for my child as named above.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if you wish to receive an e-mail confirmation (if email address has been provided)

**\*\* Please fill out and detach the camp reminder on pg.15 to keep for your records**



## Registration Form - side 1

Please remove this blue registration section and fill out **ALL** sides of this form to insure that your child is registered.

### ***How to Register:***

Fill out **all four sides** of this form and mail it with your payment by June 1<sup>st</sup> to  
**Summer Camps, 4 Beech Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45208.**

You must include your payment of fees. Checks should be made payable to:  
**Treasurer, City of Cincinnati.**

Please register each child on a separate form. Forms may be reproduced, or forms may be downloaded from [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks)

*Please print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State Zip

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 06-07 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

Pager or Cell Phone (if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional emergency contacts:

Name / Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name / Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp descriptions continue on page 10**

Turn the page to continue the registration.  
***Don't forget to fill out the other side!!!***

## Registration Form - side 2

Check the sessions for which you wish to register:

Naturecamps out in the Parks				
	Location	Dates	Fee: Resident	Fee: Non-Resident
	Mt. Airy Forest	June 12 - 16	\$50.00	\$60.00
	French Park- Sesion 1	June 19 - 23	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Ault Park- Session 1	June 26 - 30	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Rapid Run Park	July 3, 5, 6, 7	\$40.00	\$50.00
	Caldwell Nature Preserve	July 3, 5, 6, 7	\$40.00	\$50.00
	French Park- Session 2	July 10 - 14	\$50.00	\$60.00
	McFarlan Woods	July 17 - 21	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Ault Park- Session 2	July 24 - 28	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Stanbery Park	July 31 - Aug. 4	\$50.00	\$60.00
Discovery Mornings - Tuesday - Friday				
	Mt. Airy Forest	June 13 - 16	\$25.00	\$30.00
	French Park- Session 1	June 20 - 23	\$25.00	\$30.00
	Ault Park- Session 1	June 27 - 30	\$25.00	\$30.00
	Avon Woods (Mon., Wed. - Fri.)	July 3, 5, 6, 7	\$25.00	\$30.00
	French Park- Session 2	July 11 - 14	\$25.00	\$30.00
	McFarlan Woods	July 18 - 21	\$25.00	\$30.00
	Ault Park- Session 2	July 25 - 28	\$25.00	\$30.00
	Stanbery Park	Aug. 1 - 4	\$25.00	\$30.00
Archaeology Camps				
	Beginner - California Woods	July 3, 5, 6, 7	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Advanced - California Woods	July 10 - 14	\$60.00	\$70.00
	Beginner - Mt. Airy Forest	July 17 - 20	\$50.00	\$60.00
Camps at Avon Woods				
	Young Naturalists Camp	June 12 - 15	\$40.00	\$50.00
	Nature Explorers Camp	June 19 - 23	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Outdoor Skills Camp	June 26 - 30	\$50.00	\$60.00

## Registration Form - side 3

Camps at California Woods				
	Camp Topic	Dates	Fee: Resident	Fee: Non-Resident
	Nature Detectives Camp	June 12 - 16	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Outdoor Survival Camp I	June 19 - 23	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Nature Art and Theater- Session 1	June 26 - 30	\$55.00	\$65.00
	Preschool NatureCamp- Session 1	July 3, 5, 6, 7	\$40.00	\$50.00
	Nature Art and Theater- Session 2	July 17 - 21	\$55.00	\$65.00
	Outdoor Survival Camp 2	July 24 - 28	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Preschool NatureCamp- Session 2	July 31 - Aug. 4	\$40.00	\$50.00
Camps at Laboiteaux Woods				
	Nature Explorers Camp	June 12 - 16	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Outdoor Skills Camp	June 19 - 23	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Nature Art Camp	June 26 - 30	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Young Naturalists Camp	July 10 - 13	\$40.00	\$50.00
	Nature Art Camp	July 17 - 21	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Natural Treasure Hunt Camp	July 24 - 28	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Teen Service Camp- Session 1	July - Aug. 4	FREE	FREE
	Teen Service Camp- Session 2	Aug. 7 - 11	FREE	FREE

Total Fees Owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

☐ Check (made payable to *Treasurer, City of Cincinnati*) ☐ Money Order

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Name as it Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to fill out the other side